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## **Attorney General Bruning: Court Correct in Upholding Corey Allen Sentence**

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning commended the Nebraska Court of Appeals today for upholding Corey Allen’s sentence in the 2008 shooting of two Omaha police officers. Allen appealed his sentence, claiming it was too harsh.

“Mr. Allen tried to kill two Omaha police officers, critically wounding one. He deserves to spend the rest of his life in jail,” Bruning said. “We must do all we can to protect those who protect us.”

During a traffic stop, Allen opened fire on Officers Jerald Swanson and Paul Latschar. Both officers were struck, with Latschar suffering wounds to the arm and abdomen.

In 2009, Allen pleaded no contest to two counts of attempted murder, two counts of use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony and possession of a weapon by a felon. He was sentenced to 140 to 180 years in prison for the crimes.

In addition to claiming his sentence was too harsh, Allen claimed his counsel was ineffective and that Allen was under the influence of antihistamines when he made his plea.

The appeals court rejected all of these claims. Assistant Attorney General Kimberly Klein handled the appeal.

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